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MSP FOR PULSES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has announced the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of various pulses for the ensuing season;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said price is worked out considering the entire production cost;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reason therefore; and

(e) the number of occasions on which the prices of pulses have been increased during each of the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): The Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for the Kharif and Rabi Crops of 2006-07 season, including pulses, were announced in July and October, 2006 respectively. Details are as under:

(Rs. per Quintal)

Crop	MSP for 2006-07 Season
Arhar (Tur)	1410
Moong	1520
Urad	1520
Gram	1445
Masur (Lentil)	1545

(c) & (d): The Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP), while formulating its recommendations on price policy of Crops, including pulses, considers a number of important factors which include cost of production, changes in input prices, input/output price parity, trends in market prices, demand and supply situation, inter-crop price parity; effects on industrial cost structure, general price level, cost of living, global price situation; and parity between prices paid and prices received by the farmers.

The cost of cultivation/production taken into account includes all paid out costs, such as, those incurred on account of hired human labour, bullock labour/machine labour (both hired and owned) and rent paid for leased in land besides cash and kind expenses on use of material inputs like seeds, fertilizers, manures, irrigation charges including cost of diesel/electricity for operation of pump sets, etc. Besides, cost of production includes imputed value of wages of family labour and rent for owned land. The cost also covers depreciation of farm machinery and buildings.

(e): The MSPs of Gram, Masur (Lentil) and Arhar (Tur) were increased each year during the last three seasons. For Moong and Urad, the MSPs were increased during 2004-05 and 2005-06.